



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a meeting of the **Brown County Neville Public Museum Governing Board** was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021 at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Tom Sieber, Cassandra Erickson, Kramer Rock, and Tom Friberg & Alex Renard by phone
ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Cullen, Kasha Huntowski, and Beth Kowalski Lemke
EXCUSED: Todd Bartels, Kevin Kuehn

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Vice Chair Sieber called the meeting to order at 4:33PM.
2. **APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA**
Motion made by Cassandra Erickson and seconded by Kramer Rock to approve the agenda.
3. **Museum Director Report.**
Budget Status and Update: Museum Director Lemke informed the board that Saturdays are still the busiest day of the week for attendance. She shared that she was pleased with the gate revenue to date, very pleased with custom photograph and film order revenue, however concerned about the room rental revenue stretch goal.

Education, Interpretation and Community Engagement: Museum Director Lemke shared that our Museum Educator and Research Technician were busy developing in person educational programs as well as virtual programs for *Spectacular Science*.

4. **Such other matters as authorized by law:** Museum Director Lemke provided an update on the Prange Figurine restoration project. Bill Robillard of Encore Restorations has been able to disassemble the main character in the reverse manner by which it was originally assembled. This required a fiber optic endoscope to view the inside of the character before any work was started. The internal metal framework is severely rusted. It's rusted beyond what one would expect. He believes that the interior of the plastic character body is a cool chamber that allows humidity to condense on the metal. This damage occurred before the units were placed in the museum's care. The dog character is functioning and safely removing the fur is still an issue. However, the dog is fully functional, and he believes adding rust inhibiting lubrication ports will be adequate.

The electrical system was reverse engineered and diagrammed. After understanding how the unit functions, he went on to replace all of the wiring and relays. Also, electrical safety guards were added. A control box has been added which will house an on/off switch and there is room in that box for future expansion should something new be required in the future.

The metal framework for the boy character was chemically treated to remove rust. New parts were made when they were required. The entire unit was coated in a special rust proofing material so rust will not be an issue in the future.

The purpose of this investigation is to determine a cost per unit for stabilization as there are approximately eighty separate figurines in the collection. The current work is being funded by an existing Neville Public Museum Foundation Fund and future stabilization work could also be funded by the Foundation as direct care of collections.

The next scheduled meeting of the Neville Public Museum Governing Board will be May 10, 2021 Discussion ensued: no action taken.

5. Adjournment. Vice Chair Sieber, called the meeting to an end at 4:55 PM. Motion made by Kramer Rock and seconded by Cassandra Erickson to approve.